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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/803,511	PARASHER ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 18 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S Patent No. 6,764,439 to Schaaf et al.

In regards to claim 1, Schaaf et al. disclose a probe vibrating assembly 30 for endoscopic procedures comprising a main body, a spindle 70 in the main body, a drive mechanism 60 for rotating the spindle, a drive member 66 eccentrically mounted to the spindle, a clamp mechanism 75, the eccentrically mounted drive member being secured to the clamp mechanism for moving the clamp mechanism back and forth in accordance with the movement of the eccentric drive member, a probe 35 clamped in the clamp mechanism, a medical scope 25, the probe mounted to the medical scope, and the probe extending outwardly beyond the medical scope (see Figs. 1 and 6a).

In regards to claim 2, Schaaf et al. disclose a probe vibrating assembly 1 wherein the probe is a guide wire (see Col. 9, Lines 65-67).

In regards to claim 3, Schaaf et al. disclose a probe vibrating assembly including a catheter 34 mounted to the medical scope and extending through the

medical scope, and the guide wire 35 being disposed in the catheter (see Col. 9, Lines 59-64).

In regards to claim 4, Schaaf et al. disclose a probe vibrating assembly wherein the probe is a flexible needle terminating in a knife edge (see Fig 3a).

In regards to claims 5-6, Schaaf et al. disclose a probe vibrating assembly including a cylinder clamped by the clamp mechanism, a plunger telescopically mounted in the cylinder, and the needle extending through the cylinder and the plunger. Schaaf et al. teach of two embodiments shown in Figs. 4G-H wherein a hollow cylindrical needle head piece 80 and 81 through which tissue particles can be surgically suctioned off be means not shown (see Col. 8, Lines 9-14). It is well known in the art to use aspiration structures, (see Col. 4, Lines 44-46), to help with tissue biopsy, comprising a plunger and cylinder through which the tissue is extracted.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S Patent No. 5,312,418 to Bonnet

U.S Patent No. 6,817,973 to Merril et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J Kasztejna whose telephone number is (571) 272-6086. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda C.M. Dvorak can be reached on (571) 272-4764. The fax phone

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